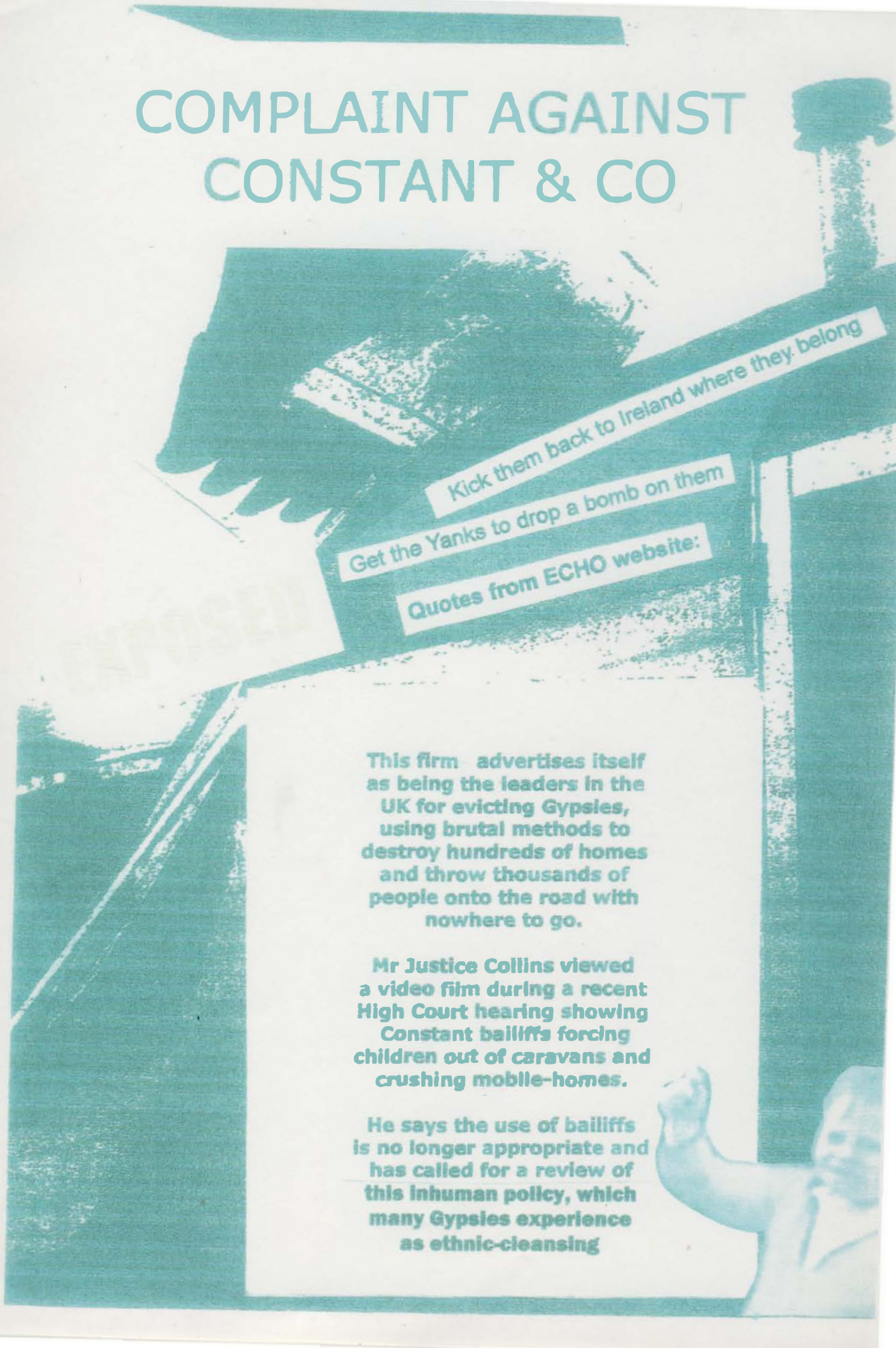


COMPLAINT AGAINST CONSTANT & CO



Kick them back to Ireland where they belong

Get the Yanks to drop a bomb on them

Quotes from ECHO website:

This firm advertises itself as being the leaders in the UK for evicting Gypsies, using brutal methods to destroy hundreds of homes and throw thousands of people onto the road with nowhere to go.

Mr Justice Collins viewed a video film during a recent High Court hearing showing Constant bailiffs forcing children out of caravans and crushing mobile-homes.

He says the use of bailiffs is no longer appropriate and has called for a review of this inhuman policy, which many Gypsies experience as ethnic-cleansing

COMPLAINT OVER CONDUCT OF CONSTANT & CO BAILIFFS

Submitted by Dale Farm Housing Association

Introduction

The Ministry of Justice is considering proposals for the regulation of enforcement agents and we wish in submitting this evidence to ensure that new regulations cover the actions of private bailiff firms, such as Constant & Co., and provide for an effective complaints mechanism.

Sir Brian Briscoe, chair of the Independent Task Force on Site Provision and Enforcement for Gypsies and Travellers, points out in his report that at present bailiffs lack a regulating body and there is as yet no recourse for anyone who is treated unfairly other than to take private action through the courts.

In view of the impact of their work on people's lives and property, the Task Force is strongly of the view that regulation is needed.

1 We note that Constant on its website quote the work it has been doing for Basildon District Council and on our front cover is depicted a heavy digger being used by Constant & Co bailiffs, as agents of the Basildon Council, crushing a mobile-home belonging to a mother at Hovefields, Wickford.

2 It is scenes like this to which Mr. Justice Collins referred during the recent judicial review of Basildon's decision to spend 2.9 million pounds clearing so-called unauthorized caravans from the district, entailing the bulldozing of up to 90 homes in the Dale Farm community, Crays Hills, and another 15 at Hovefields.